

TOBACCO FARMERS, FACING HUGE LOSS, SHUT OFF MARKET

Revolt, Against Manufacturers Spreads Over 41 Counties in Kentucky.

VIOLENCE THREATENED

Bankers and Producers Meet Friday and Pool May Be Formed.

SEEK TO SELL ABROAD

Cooperative Body Will Offer Product to European and Japanese Buyers.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Lexington, Ky., Jan. 4.—With the thousands of tobacco growers over the forty-one counties in Kentucky that produce white burley in a state of revolt against the big manufacturers, the tobacco situation in Kentucky is in a very serious condition to-night.

Following riotous scenes in some towns to-day, every tobacco market except one in the white burley district to-night was closed indefinitely, and a meeting of bankers and leaf producers from the entire district has been called here for next Friday to take up the question of whether the bankers will grant loans to the growers if the latter take their tobacco from the markets. If this should be done the tobacco would be placed in a pool in care of the Burley Tobacco Growers Association or a company of growers themselves, to be held until prices improve.

The situation is dangerous, with thousands of farmers facing heavy losses. The only place where actual trouble loomed to-day was at Carlisle, where about 2,000 farmers menaced the buyers for the manufacturers until counsel was allowed to prevail. Known were drawn matters were threatening for a time.

Many Warehouses Suspend.

After the excited crowd had been quieted, a number of growers went to Lexington, Ky., to demand that the market be closed. That already had been done, however. Other markets followed suit. Eighteen warehouses in Lexington are closed. About sixty have suspended over the burley district. In other cities no attempt will be made to begin sales. Thousands of farmers are demanding that the growing of a crop be suspended this year, believing this action would go far toward exhausting the supplies held by manufacturers that high prices would come.

The Burley Marketing Company was organized to-day as a farmers' cooperative body and will take over all tobacco upon which buyers rejected offers. This leaf will be sold to European and Japanese buyers, as it is expected these countries will take it all.

The general opinion prevailing in the growers will have to stand a loss, as tobacco has been bringing record prices for three years. Mass meetings of farmers were held this afternoon in various counties and others will be held to-morrow at which the demand for a cut out of the crop will be tested. It is likely, however, that there will be no tobacco produced in the white burley belt this year. Some of the farmers are stung by the low prices, as it means virtual financial ruin for them. Others take the attitude that the growers must accept conditions and wait for tobacco prices to readjust themselves along the lines of other farm products.

Bad Situation in Covington.

The farmers are speaking out in open revolt, but it is not believed any violence toward buyers will be attempted, notwithstanding the menace at Carlisle to-day. Covington also developed a dangerous situation late to-day, according to word from there to-night, when hundreds of farmers gathered at the warehouse, where an attempt was made to conduct a sale and demanded that efforts to auction the crop be stopped. The situation grew so serious that a Sheriff and a posse of deputies were sent to the scene, but no trouble developed.

At Lexington, while hundreds of growers were indignant, there was no threatening expression, the growers seeming to vent their feelings by demanding that this year's crop be cut out.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 4.—Exciting scenes were enacted at several Blue Grass towns to-day when tobacco farmers, disappointed with low bids for their leaf tobacco, stopped sales, held mass meetings and put plans on foot to market the crop themselves this year.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A tobacco exchange system, modeled largely on the lines of the grain exchange system and its practice of trading in futures, would go far to remedy the unsatisfactory conditions now existing in the burley tobacco field, according to John R. Mauff, secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade.

"Before the grain exchange system was developed grain growers were confronted with much the same conditions as those in Kentucky to-day," he said. "In time I think the troubles of the tobacco growers will compel a marketing organization comparable to grain exchanges."

BOY STILL MISSING; BLOOD STAINS DENIED

Chemical Test Disproves Theory of Only Clue.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 4.—One supposed clue to the mystery of the disappearance of James F. Collins, Jr., the boy hunter, who has been missing since December 18, was proved valueless to-day when a chemical test reported that there were no blood stains on the overalls and jumper found last Friday in the Plainville woods. Collins was the son of Alderman Collins.

The police have been working on the theory that he was killed by one of the moonshine distilling gangs that are said to infest the district, and the discovery of the clothing apparently stained with blood near a lonely shack was at first regarded as of great importance. The report of the chemist given to the police to-day says:

"The blood analysis of the garments which you have me has been completed and found to contain no blood whatsoever. The dry spots are yeast fungus. The dark brown or black spots are oil spots."

3 MORE ARRESTED IN CHICAGO-N. Y. RUM RING

Forged Permits Printed Here Reported Seized.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Chicago, Jan. 4.—Three more arrests, increasing the total to fifteen, were made to-day by Federal prohibition agents in connection with the New York and Chicago whiskey combine which has been uncovered by Prohibition Enforcement Director Frank D. Richardson. Edward Crump, Grant Mayfield and John Hazler of Chicago were held to the Federal Grand Jury. They are charged with having in their possession forged Government permits for liquor. These permits bore the prohibition commissioner's official stamp of Jersey City and New York.

Mr. Richardson and United States Attorney Clyde united their forces to-day to contend with what they claim to be the biggest liquor swindle since prohibition became effective. One of the Chicago Congressmen alleged to be connected with the conspiracy was seen in the Federal building to-day. He was instrumental in the securing of bonds for Crump and Hazler.

"This is the most extensive whiskey conspiracy in the country," said District Attorney Clyde. "Counterfeit permits for the removal of liquor from warehouses and for its sale to wholesalers and druggists were made in New York and Chicago and exchanged between these places. They were turned out as fast as a press could print them."

"I understand that the permit, signed and stamped with the forged signature of the prohibition director of Chicago or New York, was sold at the rate of \$5 for each gallon of whiskey stipulated upon it. A permit for 1,000 gallons would sell for \$5,000. The profits were tremendous. It is impossible to estimate the amount of money involved."

DRY ERA INCREASES DRUNKEN CHAUFFEURS

Magistrate House Observes Drinks Are More Deadly.

Magistrate Frederick B. House, sitting in the Traffic Court, declared yesterday when two men pleaded not guilty to driving their automobiles while intoxicated that there had been "more drunken chauffeurs arrested in this court since the Volstead act went into effect than ever before."

John O'Connor, 19, a chauffeur, of 331 West Seventeenth street, was charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated at Eighth avenue and Twenty-third street. He was held in \$1,000 bail for examination to-day.

Magistrate House observed that apparently one drink now has more "kick" than a dozen in the old days.

New Jersey Starts Inquiry.

George W. Van Note, Prohibition Director for New Jersey, announced that a thorough investigation in his territory was under way. So far as he knew, he said, the report that Jersey City is one of the headquarters of a great whiskey running combination is without foundation.

James Shea, the New York detective

CHICAGO BOOZE RING TRAIL SOUGHT HERE

Dry Chief Will Try to Link Conspirators With Violations in This City.

MORE BOGUS PERMITS

Jersey City Official Denies Whiskey Runners Have Headquarters There.

New York prohibition headquarters was a storm center of investigation yesterday, with routine business pushed aside while Dan J. Chapin and his staff dug into the ramifications of wholesale violation of the liquor laws. Mr. Chapin admitted he was following up the trail opened in Chicago, where arrests were made Monday in conjunction with the activities of an alleged whiskey ring operating in Chicago, New York and Jersey City whose profits are said to have run into millions and whose members are believed to include a Representative in Congress and other Federal officials. But no details of the New York investigation were forthcoming.

Charles R. O'Connor, State Prohibition Director, was in Washington presumably in connection with the arrests made last week of women employed in his office who are charged with aiding whiskey runners. It was announced from his office that a dozen more questionable permits calling for the release of 4,000 cases of liquor had been sent in by distillers and wholesalers who were evidently determined to make no mistakes.

According to despatches from Washington last night Mr. O'Connor conferred with Federal Prohibition Commissioner Kramer and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams on many questions of policy, in addition to the difficulties of his office with forged permits. Mr. Kramer said there was no indication of further arrests in the New York district in connection with recent frauds.

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who was arrested in Chicago with John Costello, was formerly a detective sergeant in the New York Police Department, and a member of the "strong arm" squad under Commissioner Woods, according to Francis J. Farley, with whom he was in partnership in a private detective agency at 1416 Broadway until about two weeks ago. Mr. Farley was found in his office yesterday, waiting to be raided by prohibition officers. "Let them raid," he said, "I have no bootlegging connections."

Farley said Shea had quit the business on December 18, telling his partner that he was tired of it. He produced a letter from a trust company dated December 21, attesting the separation of the firm's account. So far as he knew, Mr. Chapin said last night, Farley's office had not been raided, nor would he say whether a raid is contemplated. "It may take some time to run down the trail that we have started on," he added.

BILL WOULD LIMIT DEALING IN NARCOTICS

Prohibits Export and Restricts Import of Drugs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—General approval of the terms of the Jones-Miller narcotics bill was expressed by Government officials at a hearing to-day before a House Ways and Means subcommittee. The bill would amend the Harrison act to prohibit all exportation and limit importation of cocaine, morphine and other narcotic drugs. It is understood that it is directed especially at the traffic in China.

Assistant Solicitor G. H. Hackworth of the State Department said the proposed legislation would be of assistance in meeting the terms of the Hague international anti-opium convention. He expressed the opinion, however, that a practical difficulty might be found in controlling the shipment of narcotics in bond from other countries through the United States. The bill would withdraw this privilege, now accorded under the Harrison act. Similar apprehension was expressed by George W. Ashworth of the Customs Department of the Treasury.

Col. Nutt, chief of the narcotics field force of the Internal Revenue Bureau, advocated even more drastic provisions, saying that much material now confiscated bears the name of reputable manufacturers of the United States and Great Britain.

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